

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1-8 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification was objected to for informality; and Claims 1, 2 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

With regards to the Title, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent Office records be updated to show the title as listed on the specification and the declaration. Accordingly, an Application Data Sheet is being submitted herewith.

The current abstract of the disclosure has been replaced with a new abstract which is believed to be in compliance with the rule. Thus, no further objection on this matter is anticipated.

Claims 1-8 have been amended to clarify the subject matter recited therein, and thus are believed to be in compliance with the requirements of the statute. Also, the claim amendments to Claims 1-8 are not believed to narrow the scopes of the claims. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to derive mutually satisfactory claim language.

For the foregoing reasons, Claims 1-8 are believed to be allowable.

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In view of the amendments and discussions presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

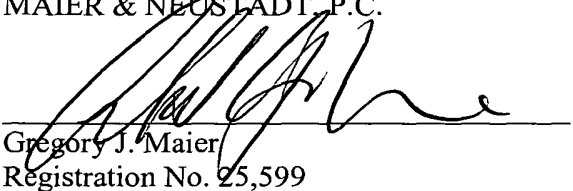
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